# 2. Solutions and Colligative Properties

#### • Mixture

- 1. Mixtures refer to those substances which consist of two or more elements or compounds, mixed together in any ratio and do not give rise to new compound. For example: sea water, air, chocolate milk etc.
- 2. Mixture is composed of two or more substances mixed together in any ratio i.e. the composition is variable and do not possess properties like fixed melting or boiling point.
- 3. Mixture shows the properties similar to that of its constituents and they can be separated by using physical and chemical methods.
- 4. There are two types of mixtures:
  - i. **Homogeneous mixtures:** Such mixtures have only one phase. They have the same composition throughout and there is no visible separation of line between the constituents. For example: sugar solution, vinegar etc.
  - ii. **Heterogeneous mixture:** Mixtures which has more than one phase is known as heterogeneous mixture. There is a visible boundary of separation between the components and they do not have the same composition throughout.
- 5. Homogeneous mixtures are of three types: (i) Solid homogeneous mixture (alloys), (ii) Liquid homogeneous mixture (solution of alcohol in water) and (iii) Gaseous homogeneous mixture (air).
- 6. Heterogeneous mixtures are of three types: (i) Solid heterogeneous mixture (mixture of sand and sugar),(ii) Solid-liquid heterogeneous mixture (solution of chalk in water) and (iii) Gaseous heterogeneous mixture (smoke in air).
- Substance Cannot be separated into its constituent particles by any physical process
- **Solution** Homogeneous mixture of two or more substances
- Alloys Homogeneous mixture of metals
- Solution:
  - The component of the solution that dissolves the other component in it is called solvent (present in larger amount).
  - The component of the solution that is dissolved in the solvent is called solute (present in lesser quantity).

#### • Properties of solution:

- Homogeneous mixture
- Particles are extremely small, not visible to the naked eye
- Light path not visible
- Solute particles cannot be separated by filtration

#### • Concentration of solution= Solute amount / Solvent amount

• Mass by mass percentage = 
$$\frac{\text{Solute mass}}{\text{Solution mass}} \times 100$$

## **Expressing Concentration of Solutions**

• Mass percentage (w/w)

Mass % of a component = 
$$\frac{\text{Mass of the component in the solution}}{\text{Total mass of the solution}} \times 100\%$$

• Volume percentage (v/v)

Volume % of a component = 
$$\frac{\text{Volume of the component}}{\text{Total volume of solution}} \times 100\%$$

• Mass by volume percentage (w/v)

ss by volume 
$$\% = \frac{\text{Mass of the solute}}{\text{Total volume of solution}} \times 100\%$$

• Parts per million (ppm)

Parts per million

$$= \frac{\text{Number of parts of the component}}{\text{Total number of parts of all the components of the solution}} \times 10^6$$

• Mole fraction (x)

Mole fraction of a component

For solution containing *i* number of components,

$$x_i = \frac{n_i}{n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_i} = \frac{n_i}{\sum n_i}$$

And, 
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_i = 1$$

• Molarity (M)

$$Molarity = \frac{Moles \text{ of solute}}{Volume \text{ of solution in litre}}$$

• Molality (*m*)

$$Molality = \frac{Moles of solute}{Mass of solvent in kg}$$

#### **Solubility:**

Solubility of a substance is the maximum amount of the substance that can be dissolved in a specified amount of a solvent at a specified temperature.

#### • Solubility of a solid in a liquid:

-Effect of temperature (Le Chatelier's principle) –

When the dissolution process is endothermic, the solubility will increase with increase in temperature.

When the dissolution process is exothermic, the solubility will decrease with increase in temperature.

-Effect of pressure: Pressure does not affect solubility.

### • Solubility of a gas in a liquid:

Henry's law  $\rightarrow$  The solubility of a gas in a liquid is directly proportional to the pressure of the gas.

Or

The partial pressure of a gas in vapour phase (p) is proportional to the mole fraction of the gas (x) in the solution.

$$p = K_H x$$

Where,  $K_H \rightarrow$  Henry's law constant

- Some applications of Henry's law
  - -The solubility of  $CO_2$  in soft drinks and soda water is increased by sealing the bottles under high pressure.
  - -At high pressure underwater, scuba divers have to cope with high concentrations of dissolved gases while breathing air.
  - -At high altitudes, climbers become weak and are unable to think clearly, which are symptoms of a condition called anoxia

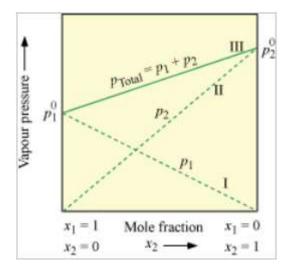
Effect of temperature –

With increase in temperature, the solubility of gases in liquids decreases.

### Vapour pressure of liquid solutions:

- Vapour pressure of liquid-liquid solutions:
- Raoult's law → For a solution of volatile liquids, the partial vapour pressure of each component in the solution is directly proportional to its mole fraction.

$$p_1 = p_1^o x$$
  
 $p_{total} = p_1^o + (p_2^o - p_1^o) x_2$ 



(For an ideal solution at constant temperature)

• Vapour pressure of solutions of solids in liquids:

$$p_1 = x_1 \, p_1^o$$

## Colligative properties and determination of molar mass:

- Relative lowering of vapour pressure:
- Relative lowering of vapour pressure is equal to the mole fraction of the solute.

i.e., 
$$\frac{p_1^0 - p_1}{p_1^0} = x_2$$

However, 
$$x_2 = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

Where,  $n_2$  = Number of moles of solute

 $n_1$  = Number of moles of solvent

Now, 
$$\frac{p_1^0 - p_1}{p_1^0} = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2}$$

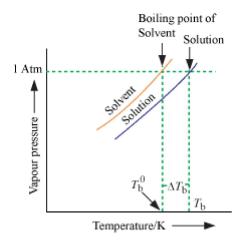
For dilute solution,  $n_1 >> n_2$ 

Therefore, 
$$\frac{p_1^0 - p_1}{p_1^0} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Or, 
$$\frac{p_1^0 - p_1}{p_1^0} = \frac{\frac{w_2}{M_2}}{\frac{w_1}{M_1}}$$

Or, 
$$\frac{p_1^0 - p_1}{p_1^0} = \frac{w_2 \times M_1}{M_2 \times w_1}$$

## • Elevation of boiling point:



• Here,  $\Delta T_b = T_b - T_b^0 =$  Elevation of boiling point

Where,

 $T_b$  = Boiling of solution

 $T_h^0$  = Boiling point of solvent

•  $\Delta T_b \propto m$  (for dilute solution)

$$\Rightarrow \Delta T_b = K_b m$$

Where,

m = Molality

 $K_b$  = Proportionality constant known as Boiling Point Elevation Constant or Molal Elevation Constant or Ebullioscopic constant (Unit = K kg mol<sup>-1</sup>)

However, 
$$m = \frac{\frac{w_2}{M_2}}{\frac{w_1}{1000}} = \frac{1000 \times w_2}{M_2 \times w_1}$$

Where,

 $w_2$  = Mass of solute

 $M_2$  = Molar mass of solute

 $w_1$  = Mass of solvent

Now, 
$$\Delta T_b = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \times w_2}{M_2 \times w_1}$$

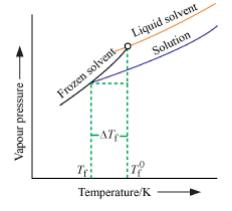
Or, 
$$M_2 = \frac{1000 \times w_2 \times K_h}{\Delta T_h \times w_1}$$

Where,  $K_b$ = Boiling-point elevation constant

Or, Molal elevation constant

Or, Ebullioscopic constant

## • Depression of freezing point:



• Here,  $\Delta T_f = T_f^0 - T_f =$  Depression of freezing point

Where,

 $T_f^0$  = Freezing point of solvent

 $T_f$ = Freezing point of solution

• For dilute solution (ideal solution),  $\Delta T_f \propto m$ 

$$\Rightarrow \Delta T_f = K_f m$$

Where,

m = Molality

 $K_f$ = Proportionality constant known as Freezing Point Constant or Molal Depression Constant or Cryoscopic constant (Unit = K kg mol<sup>-1</sup>)

However, 
$$m = \frac{\frac{w_2}{M_2}}{\frac{w_1}{1000}} = \frac{1000 \times w_2}{M_2 \times w_1}$$

Where,

 $w_2$  = Mass of solute

 $M_2$  = Molar mass of solute

 $w_1$  = Mass of solvent

Now, 
$$\Delta T_f = \frac{K_f \times w_2 \times 1000}{M_2 \times w_1}$$

Or, 
$$M_2 = \frac{1000 \times w_2 \times K_f}{\Delta T_f \times w_1}$$

• The value of  $K_b$  and  $K_f$  can be determined by the following relations:

$$K_{\scriptscriptstyle b} = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times M_{\scriptscriptstyle 1} \times T_{\scriptscriptstyle b}^2}{1000 \times \Delta_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{vap}} H}$$

$$K_f = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times M_1 \times T_f^2}{1000 \times \Delta_{\text{fin}} H}$$

Where,

 $M_1$  = Molar mass of the solvent

R = Gas constant

 $\Delta_{\text{vap}}H = \text{Enthalpy of vaporisation}$ 

 $\Delta_{\text{fus}}H = \text{Enthalpy of fusion}$ 

• Osmosis and osmotic pressure:

$$\pi = CRT$$

$$Or, \pi = \left(\frac{n_2}{V}\right)RT$$

$$Or, M_2 = \frac{w_2RT}{\pi V}$$

$$\left[n_2 = \frac{w_2}{M_2}\right]$$

- If two solutions have the same osmotic pressure at a given temperature, then the solutions are called isotonic solutions.
- Abnormal molar masses: Molar mass lower or higher than expected or normal value
- Van't Hoff factor, i: Expresses the quantitative extent to which a solute is dissociated or associated

$$\frac{p_1^{\circ} - p_1}{p_1^{\circ}} = i \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\Delta T_b = i K_b m$$

$$\Delta T_f = i K_f m$$

$$\pi = i \left(\frac{n_2}{V}\right) RT$$

• Modification of the equations for colligative properties:

$$\frac{p_1^{\circ} - p_1}{p_1^{\circ}} = i \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\Delta T_b = i K_b m$$

$$\Delta T_f = i K_f m$$

$$\pi = i \left(\frac{n_2}{V}\right) RT$$